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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENT

This communication is in response to the Office Action given in the above-identified application for Letters Patent on April 14, 2005. Applicant does not believe that any fees are due on account of this filing; however, should this be incorrect, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all necessary fees to the CNH America LLC Deposit Account 14-0780.

Response to Restriction Requirement:

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I as set forth in the Office Action, i.e., claims 1-11, without prejudice.

Response to Election Requirement:

Applicant hereby further elects the claims directed to the species of Figure 2, without prejudice. This includes claims 1-11, the remaining claims being directed to the species of Figure 6.

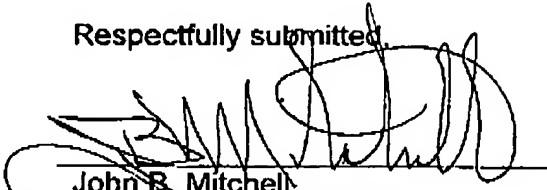
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has responded to both the restriction requirement and the election of species as required by 35 U.S.C. 121. The claims now in this case for immediate examination are claims 1-11.

Pursuant to currently recommended practice, the Patent Office is expressly authorized to call Applicant's attorney, collect, at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, if additional matters of this type are identified.

Respectfully submitted,

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